



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

February 20, 2007

Representative Jim Ryan, Chairman
Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 203
Concord, NH 03301

SUBJECT: HB 405, an act establishing a committee to study the disposal of end of life vehicles.

Dear Chairman Ryan and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Environmental Services (Department) supports the goal of House Bill 405, which seeks to establish a committee to study issues concerning the disposal of end-of-life motor vehicles. House Bill 405 is similar to House Bill 54 that seeks to establish a commission to study auto recycling issues and the adequacy of existing programs to properly address those issues. Because a study commission is comprised of many stakeholders, House Bill 54 may be the better vehicle for achieving the desired study goal.

Whether the proposed study is conducted by a commission under House Bill 54 or a committee under House Bill 405, the Department agrees that a study is needed to consider important questions about the adequacy of the state's existing regulatory system and industry infrastructure for annually recycling tens of thousands of wrecked and worn out motor vehicles in New Hampshire. The Department is concerned that the current system is failing and may actually be promoting contamination of our air, water, and land. The Department's concerns are outlined in its letter of testimony on House Bill 54 presented to the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee on January 16, 2007, a copy of which is attached for your reference.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of testimony, please do not hesitate to call me or Anthony P. Giunta, P.G. at 271-2905.

Sincerely,

Thomas Burack
Commissioner

Enclosure: DES Letter of Testimony dated January 16, 2007 to ED&A Committee Regarding HB 54

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